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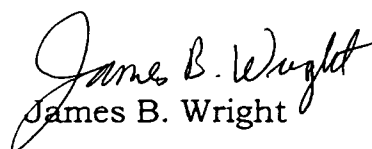
RE: Docket No. 04-00015
Tariff to Reclassify Rate Grouping of Certain BellSouth Exchanges -
Tariff No. 2004-055

Dear Chairman Tate

Enclosed please find an original and thirteen copies of the United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. Petition to Intervene in the above-mentioned docket, together with a check for the twenty five dollar filing fee

A copy of this Petition is being served on counsel for the parties of record. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


James B. Wright

Enclosure

cc: Guy Hicks (with enclosure)
Joe Shirley (with enclosure)
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Kaye Odum

BEFORE THE
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE: *Docket No.04-00015*
Tariff to Reclassify Rate Grouping of Certain BellSouth Exchanges-
Tariff No. 2004-0055

PETITION OF UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. ("United") pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310 and T.C.A. § 65-2-107, petitions the Authority for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding, and in support thereof states as follows.

1. United is a Virginia Corporation authorized to conduct business in the state of Tennessee as an incumbent local exchange company, furnishes local exchange telephone service and other telecommunications services in the state of Tennessee and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Authority.

2. This Petition is filed more than seven (7) days before any scheduled hearing in this matter.

3. United respectfully requests that it be granted leave to intervene and participate as a party in the above-captioned proceeding in that as an incumbent local exchange company that has elected to be price regulated under T.C.A. Section 65-5-209, the decisions regarding the manner in which rate regroupings are considered for price regulation purposes, which is the

subject of this proceeding, may directly affect United's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests.

4. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing the intervention.

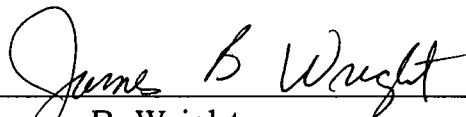
WHEREFORE, United prays:

1 That it be permitted to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party.

2. That it have such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC.


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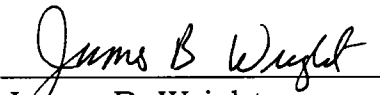
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
BellSouth Rate Regroup Tariff
(Docket No. 04-00015)

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was served on each of the following, by hand delivery, by overnight air express, or placing a copy of the same in the United States Mail postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

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This 12th day of February, 2004



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